

## 2010 Congressional Art Competition Guidelines

### General Guidelines

- The competition is open to high school students only. Exceptions will be made for schools that have 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades on one campus.
- In order to allow artwork to hang in the Cannon Tunnel to the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are enforced.
  - All artwork must be framed according to the appropriate framing guidelines, listed below.
  - All artwork must conform to these restrictions:
    - Artwork must be two dimensional
    - Each piece can be **no larger** than 28"x 28"x 4"
    - Artwork cannot weigh more than 25 lbs.
    - Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo (not the student's own), painting, graphis, advertisement, or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted.
  - A high-resolution JPEG along with PDF of the student application form to [Rebecca.dallagrana@state.sd.us](mailto:Rebecca.dallagrana@state.sd.us). Submissions must be received by 5 p.m., Friday, April 16. The winners will be notified no later than April 23 and will be responsible for shipping their artwork and application form to the SDAC office by April 26. The winning pieces will be framed with costs paid by the South Dakota Arts Council.
- Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the **entire year** of the exhibition and **cannot** be returned to the students earlier. Students should, therefore, submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.
- Artwork categories are as follows:
  - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
  - Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
  - Collage: must be two dimensional
  - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
  - Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
  - Computer – generated art
  - Photography
- A **TYPED** copy of the Student Release form, signed by both the teacher and the student, must be attached to the back of the artwork to verify the originality of the piece.
- Note: Any entry that has been reproduced from an existing photo, painting, graphic, advertisement or any other work produced by another person is a violation of competition rules and will not be accepted.
- The final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2010 Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portion not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit.